

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 16: DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

§1079. SUBCOMMITTEE ON DENTAL HYGIENISTS

The Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists, referred to in this section as "the subcommittee," is established.
[2007, c. 620, Pt. A, §2 (AMD) .]

1. Membership. The subcommittee consists of 5 members:

A. A dental hygienist who is a member of the board; [2003, c. 669, §3 (NEW) .]

B. Two dental hygienists, appointed by the Governor, who are qualified pursuant to subchapter 6, are legal residents of the State and have practiced in the State for at least 6 years immediately preceding appointment; and [2003, c. 669, §3 (NEW) .]

C. Two dentists who are members of the board, appointed by the president of the board. [2003, c. 669, §3 (NEW) .]

The subcommittee shall annually elect a chair and a secretary.

[2007, c. 620, Pt. A, §2 (AMD) .]

2. Terms. Each of the 3 members of the subcommittee who also are members of the board shall serve on the subcommittee for the duration of that member's term on the board. The term of a member of the subcommittee who is not a member of the board is 5 years.

[2003, c. 669, §3 (NEW) .]

3. Duties. The subcommittee shall:

A. Perform an initial review of all complaints initiated pursuant to section 1077 involving dental hygienists. Upon completion of its review of a complaint, the secretary of the subcommittee shall report to the board the subcommittee's recommended disposition of the complaint in accordance with those dispositions authorized by section 1077. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1077, the board shall adopt the subcommittee's recommended disposition of a complaint unless no fewer than 2/3 of the board members who are present and voting vote to reject that recommended disposition; and [2007, c. 620, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

B. Perform an initial review of all applications for licensure as a dental hygienist pursuant to section 1097, all submissions relating to continuing education of dental hygienists pursuant to sections 1098-B and 1099 and all submissions relating to public health supervision status of dental hygienists as defined by board rule. Upon completion of its review of an application or submission, the secretary of the subcommittee shall report to the board the subcommittee's recommended disposition of the application or submission, including issuance, renewal, denial or nonrenewal of a dental hygienist license. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1098, the board shall adopt the subcommittee's recommended disposition of an application or submission unless no fewer than 2/3 of the board members who are present and voting vote to reject that recommended disposition. [2007, c. 620, Pt. A, §2 (NEW) .]

[2007, c. 620, Pt. A, §2 (AMD) .]

4. Compensation. The members of the subcommittee are entitled to compensation according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379. Expenses of the subcommittee members must be certified by the secretary of the board.

[2003, c. 669, §3 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

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